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Born to Dorothy and Alvin Mellon in Renton WA, Karen died peacefully after several years of disability from a non-cancerous brain tumor.

An accomplished flutist, Karen graduated from Renton High School in 1962. She briefly attended Pacific Lutheran University, then trained as a dental assistant before enlisting in the Army in 1963. While serving in the Army, she met and married Ronald Schrupf, giving birth to son Darrell while stationed in Germany in 1966. They later divorced.

Karen relocated to Wenatchee, marrying Horace Odell Smith in 1970 and returned to college earning her Registered Nursing Degree from Wenatchee Valley College. Of her various nursing positions from oncology staff nurse to American Red Cross, all of which she took great pride in, she achieved her greatest personal satisfaction while working as a drug and alcohol rehab counselor in Wenatchee. Inspired by her own life experience, Alcoholics Anonymous and a strong belief in God, she compassionately cared for and counseled many patient-clients struggling with addiction.

In her youth, Karen enjoyed many camping outings into the Cascade Mountains developing a deep love for the flowering meadows, sparkling lakes, and majestic peaks. Later, with Odell at the helm, they plied the waters of Lake Chelan, Banks Lake, Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands and Alaska. Retired, they became seasonal campground hosts along the Icicle River and near Lake Wenatchee.

Karen was preceded in death by her husband Odell and her parents. She is survived by brother Russ (Linda) Mellon and nephews Ben, Justin and Andrew; son Darrell Schrupf, grandson Cody and step grand-sons Timmy and Kenny; step-son Jon (Maria) Smith and step-grandchildren Jon Jr. and Lisa; step-daughter Sandra (Rob) Gifford and step-grandchildren Jeff and Brian; and 8 great grand children.

A celebration of life will be held March 19, 2017 at 1:00 pm at Mountain Meadows Senior Living Campus located at 320 Park Avenue, Leavenworth WA, 98826. Donations of remembrance may be made to Mountain Meadows SLC , a 501(c)(3), at the above address. Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at jonesjonesbetts.com. Arrangements are by Jones & Jones – Betts Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 19. 1:00 PM (PT)

Mountain Meadows Assisted Living
320 Park Ave
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Tribute Wall

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“ I got to know Karen when she joined the American Red Cross blood mobile team and sometimes we were able to travel to the blood drive sites together. I am saddened to hear of her passing, yet I know she is at home forever with her heavenly Father! Karen was a compassionate and caring person and am so glad that I had the privilege of working with and knowing her! Am glad your safely home, Karen! Linda Congdon

Linda Congdon - March 14, 2017 at 12:13 AM